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SUBJECT: TIMING OF HOUSE DEBATE OF TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO

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1. DURING HIS AUGUST 18-19 VISIT HERE, SENATOR PELL TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT CURRENT CALCULATIONS OF THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO OPPOSE RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY IS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN BAN WHEN THIS ISSUE NEXT COMES TO VOTE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN SEPTEM-BER. AS NOTED REFTEL, IN HIS CONVERSATIONS HERE SENATOR PELL WAS MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE EFFECT WHICH TIMING AND RESULT OF HOUSE VOTE MIGHT HAVE ON FOURTH ROUND OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATION IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 8-9. SENATOR EMERGED FEELING VERY STRONGLY THAT HOUSE DEBATE SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUST AFTER SEPTEMBER 9 IN BELIEF THAT A VOTE BEFORE, WHETHER PRO OR CON, WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT WALDHEIM'S CHANCES OF GETTING THE PARTIES COMMITTED TO THE MOST POSITIVE POSSIBLE COMMUNIQUE. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SENATOR PELL HAS ALREADY STARTED THE WHEELS IN MOTION TO ATTAIN THIS VERY SHORT TACTICAL DELAY.

3. I SHARE SENATOR PELL'S REASONING ON THIS FOR REASONS CONFIDENTIAL

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